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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed August 6, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 7 to 11 as follows (unamended claims are shown in small, bold type-face for ease of reference):

-- 1. (Amended) A semiconductor device manufacturing method comprising:

providing a substrate having a first formation area and a second formation area;

forming/an oxide film on the first and the second formation areas;

forming an oxidation resistance film on the oxide film;

masking the second formation area by disposing a photoresist on the oxidation resistance

film above the second formation area;

removing the oxidation resistant film above the first formation area;

removing the photoresist above the second formation area;

removing the oxide film above the first formation area while using the oxidation resistant film above the second formation area as a mask; .

forming a first oxide film on the first formation area;

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